

Mike and Melissa Episode 24: Mike's Best Month Ever

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SCENE 1- INT. DANCE PAVILION, 10/29/2011, 9PM

MIKE, dressed in a poorly made skunk costume, is filming his zombified parents as they do a rendition of the THRILLER dance. DAD is struggling through the choreography, so I try to keep the camera focused on MOM... MEL pops in eventually, out of costume.

MELISSA
Hey, nice costume!

MIKE
Eh, it's alright. it looked better
in my head.

MELISSA
Doesn't everything? Still, I think
it's cute. And here I thought you
didn't even give half a darn about
Halloween!

MIKE
Yeah, well... I can get into it. I
notice YOU'RE not wearing anything,
though.

MELISSA
Hey man, I can shapeshift into
pretty much anything any time I
want. This holiday doesn't really
have a whole lot of meaning for me.

MIKE
I guess that's true enough...

MELISSA
That said, I DO like celebrating
things for no reason!

She poofs into her human form.

MIKE
No.

MELISSA
What? No fair! I have no objections
with you being a skunk!

MIKE
Yeah, but... it's too much. It's
like it's not you anymore.

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MELISSA

(sigh)

Well, that's just plain silly, but fine. Have it your way.

She poofs on a poorly constructed costume similar to mine, except it's modeled after her normal form.

MELISSA

Is this more "me"?

MIKE

Alright, now you're just making fun of me.

MELISSA

Me? Come now, I'm never one to joke or play tricks.

I look at her like "yeah right"

MELISSA

Okay... how's THIS???

She transforms into her pig-demon form.

MIKE

... Yeah, that works.

DEMON MELISSA

DAMN RIGHT IT DOES!!!

The dance comes to an end, as the dancers jump out at the audience. How fun! I start putting away my camera.

DEMON MELISSA

Oh darn. I missed out on my chance to dance.

MIKE

That's okay, my camerawork was pure slop. And my dad's dancing... well, suffice it to say this pooppy footage is probably going straight in the trash anyways...

DEMON MELISSA

Well poop on that poopiness... can I dance anyways?

MIKE

I guess. The music's stopped, and I'm not rolling, but go ahead knock yourself out.

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DEMON MELISSA

I will!

She starts bustin' a move! Not even the Thriller dance, just whatever.

DEMON MELISSA

LOOK AT ME! I'M A DEMON GIRL
DANCING AROUND WITH NO MUSIC AND I
DON'T EVEN CARE!!!

MIKE

Know what? Neither do I.

I take a quick look around to make sure nobody's looking, then I start awkwardly dancin' with her.

MIKE

And I'm not even a demon girl.

DEMON MELISSA

But you could be. Just lemme whip
up a costume for ya-

MIKE

NO.

DEMON MELISSA

YOU NEVER LET ME DO ANYTHING!!!

INTRO SEQUENCE!!!

SCENE 2- INT. MIKE'S CAR, 10/29/2011, 10PM

I'm drivin', and DEMON MELISSA's uncomfortably crammed into the passenger seat.

MIKE

Man, this tail makes it hard to sit
in this seat.

DEMON MELISSA

Yeah? This DEMON FORM makes it
pretty difficult too!

MIKE

You don't have to stay in that
form, you know.

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DEMON MELISSA

Well, in that case...

She poofs into her normal form, this time she's dressed like a Sailor scout. Hot.

MIKE

Cute, I like it.

MELISSA

Aw, shucks. I thought you might.

She gives me a quick lick. I return the favor.

MELISSA

Hey I just thought of something...
it's Halloween, right?

MIKE

Technically it's the Saturday
before Halloween, but whatever.

MELISSA

Whatever indeed. But that means
next month is November, right?

MIKE

Yep, that's usually how it goes.

MELISSA

Usually... except for this year.

MIKE

Uh oh. Are you moving the months
around? I didn't know you could do
that.

MELISSA

I can't. I'm just saying, next
month is going to be your best
month ever, and usually November's
kind of a bummer month... so we
should come up with a better name
for it or some crazy shit like
that. Like... Squarple.

MIKE

Squarple?

MELISSA

Squarple!

MIKE

...Two questions come to mind...
number one, why Squarple?

MELISSA

Why not Squarple?

MIKE

...Classic Mel response. Fine,
number two, what makes you think
this is going to be my best month
ever?

MELISSA

I dunno. I just got a feeling. Plus
it says so in my Imaginary Almanac.

She poofs in an imaginary almanac and shows it to me.

MIKE

Well, hard to argue with the
Imaginary Almanac. I guess. Still,
what's gonna happen? Am I gonna
make a million bajillion dollars?

MELISSA

Probably not, but... well, just
trust me on this one.

MIKE

Alright, if you say so.

I pull my car up and park it at...

SCENE 3- EXT. THE FARMHOUSE, 10/29/2011, 10PM

MELISSA and I kiss.

MELISSA

Have fun tonight.

MIKE

Alrighty. You sure you don't wanna
come though? It'll be a good time.

MELISSA

Nah, I'm alright. But hey when you
get back to the apartment I'd
probably be down for a little
"trick or treating."

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MIKE
Ooh, you little scamp.

MELISSA
Demon, actually.

MIKE
Of course. Well, until then.

MELISSA
Oh one more thing... keep an eye on
Phil, alright?

MIKE
Uh... okay.

She winks and poofs away as I get out. I walk around the little party farmhouse, and bump into various members of the gang. LEE is dressed as a dark elf from WoW, MICHAEL as a western fellow, CONOR as Ron Swanson, and ROY as Raoul Duke.

ROY
(impersonating Raoul Duke)
Hello there, I'm Raoul Duke. (puts
hand on my shoulder) And this is my
attorney.

MIKE
Are you sure you trust a skunk as
your attorney? We are somewhat
related to weasels after all.

MICHAEL
Aren't all attorneys weasels?

MIKE
Good point.

ROY
That, and you're much more
trustworthy than my other attorney.

MIKE
Who's that?

ROY
Phil.

PHIL, dressed as The Joker, barges in holding a knife and a fifth of jack.

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PHIL
YOU WANNA KNOW HOW I GOT THESE
SCARS???

MIKE
Damn it, who gave him a knife?!?

MICHAEL
He found it.

PHIL
(cackling)
I HAVE A WAY OF DOING THAT!!!

SCENE 4- INT. LIZ'S CONDO, 3PM, 11/05/2011

LIZ and MIKE are watching Michigan play Iowa. It's the final play.

T.V. ANNOUNCER
CAUGHT! IT'S A TOUCHDOWN!!!

LIZ AND MIKE
YES!!!!!!!!!!

We celebrate.

T.V. ANNOUNCER
JUST KIDDING! THEY RULE IT OUT OF
BOUNDS!!! AND THAT'S THE END OF THE
GAME, IDIOT!!!

MIKE
WHAT!?!?!?!?! HIS FOOT WAS VERY
CLEARLY DOWN!!!!!! THAT'S BULLSHIT-

LIZ
Mike, relax it's a game.

MIKE
(swallowing rage)
Blah. Fine. Let's do something
else, something to get my mind off
of... this shit.

LIZ
Alright, well... Brendan's actually
supposed to come by to get his
things, so I don't know if you
wanna stick around for that...

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MIKE

Er... not really. What time is he coming?

Doorbell.

LIZ

Uh... now.

She goes to answer the door. I look around nervously and run up the stairs and... stand there awkwardly as they mutter sotto voce downstairs. MELISSA poof in.

MELISSA

Well, this is a bit awkward, isn't it?

MIKE

Ya think?

MELISSA

As a matter of fact I do! And how about the ending to that game? Total bullhonkey, huh? That shoulda been a touchdown.

MIKE

Yeah, it should have been! What happened, the turf monster block the ref's line of sight on that one?

MELISSA

Probably. If I traveled for road games I woulda done something about that though.

MIKE

I don't doubt you... I gotta say though for the best month ever, this November isn't really off to all that good a start.

MELISSA

Well that's your first problem. It's Squarple!

MIKE

Damn it, Squarple is not a real thing!

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MELISSA

Second problem: you're not buying into Squarple. Consider this: I'm not a real thing, but that doesn't stop you from buying into ME, does it?

MIKE

No.

MELISSA

Damn straight! So why not buy into Squarple? It's all about a perspective change, really. November is cold, grey, and reeks of death and the desolation of the upcoming winter. But SQUARPLE is something different. It's new, exciting, and full of opportunity.

MIKE

So just like that I can improve my outlook for this month by giving it a silly name?

MELISSA

SQUARPLE IS VERY SERIOUS!!! But YES EXACTLY!!! Good times aren't just defined by good things happening, they're also about being in a good state of mind. If you have the will to make this the best month ever, it will be!

MIKE

That's all fine and good, but I think there's a little more to it than that.

MELISSA

You're right! You also need to get out and try new things! Experience life! Enjoy yourself for a change!!! Right???

MIKE

Sure.

MELISSA

RIGHT???

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MIKE
...RIGHT!!!

MELISSA
DAMN RIGHT!!! LET'S GO DO
SOMETHING, RIGHT NOW!!!

She starts ushering me down the stairs.

MIKE
Uh... maybe after Brendan leaves.

MELISSA
Oh. Right.

Pause.

MIKE
GOD THIS IS SO AWKWARD!

MELISSA
YEAH, IT REALLY IS!!!

SCENE 5- INT. MIKE'S APARTMENT, 11/8/2011, 9PM

I'm in my underwear playing Skyrim. MEL walks in and facepalms upon seeing me.

MELISSA
No, no, no...

MIKE
Yes, yes, YES! It all makes sense.
You must have checked ahead to see
that the next Elder Scrolls game
was coming out this month. This
really IS going to be the best
month ever! I haven't seen anything
about Squarple though, maybe that's
the name of some yet unknown hero-

MELISSA
It's not in the game, Mike. As a
matter of fact, you're missing the
point entirely.

MIKE
How so? I'm an armored cat-person
wandering around in a mythical,
ever-expansive forest. It's almost
like my happy place has been
materialized before me!

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MELISSA

Not really if you ask me... why's part of the river missing?

Sure enough, a big chunk of the river is missing.

MIKE

Uh... just a minor bug, I'm sure they'll have it patched up later this month-

MELISSA

Hey Mike, when's the last time you checked your Facebook?

MIKE

Wait... you want me to check my Facebook? I thought you hated Facebook!

MELISSA

Well, I may or may not think it's the GODDAMN DOWNFALL OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION, but in this day and age it is a means to an end to keeping in touch with the outside world. So... do that.

MIKE

But THIS world-

MELISSA

CHECK YOUR DAMN FACEPLACE!!!

MIKE

Alright, sheesh!

I pause the game and saunter over to my Facebook.

MIKE

No new notifications. I don't know why you... hey, what's this? I didn't know Animals as Leaders was playing in Detroit this weekend.

MELISSA

What do you know? And look, it's Thursday.

MIKE

THIS Thursday?... I dunno, I think I have an assignment due Friday-

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MELISSA
Then do it tomorrow.

MIKE
...I guess I could do that.

MELISSA
I KNOW you could! And hey, look who else is playing!

MIKE
...MASTODON?!? I've always wanted to see them!!! I missed them last time they were in town. It was quite the story-

The screen pans away and fades, making it look like I'm going to tell the story. But MEL interrupts.

MELISSA
That'll have to wait until after the commercial break. Look, one more thing!

MIKE
One of my classmates is looking for a videographer for their drag king show? Melissa, what's that got to do with me?

MELISSA
Have you ever been to a drag king show?

MIKE
No, but it's not my scene.

MELISSA
So? YOU'RE not everyone's scene either, you should give 'em a chance. It could be fun! And it'll be a colorful thing to add to your resume.

MIKE
Well... alright!

MELISSA claps her hands

MELISSA
Hooray! Squarple strikes! Just like that you have three awesome things to do within a week of each other!

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MIKE

Not gonna lie that's pretty awesome.

MELISSA

Better than spending your month playing video games, right?

MIKE

Well... I dunno about that...

I go back to playing Skyrim.

MIKE

Behold, the majestic elk.

An elk walks across the screen, gets stuck halfway in a rock, stares creepily at the camera, then teleports randomly to the other side of the screen.

MIKE AND MELISSA

AAAAAAAAAAAAAH!!! DEMON ELK!!!!!!!!!!

AAAAAAAAAAAAHH!!!! COMMERCIAL BREAK!!!

SCENE 6- EXT. ST. ANDREWS HALL, 11/10/2011, 7PM

I'm standing outside in line in the cold with a bunch of people I don't know. MEL poofs in.

MIKE

How do you like this? I'd usually never go out by myself to a show like this, especially not on a school night.

MELISSA

Yeah, right on! I'm surprised you were able to pull yourself away from that game.

MIKE

Yeah, well, the dragon I was supposed to kill sort of started flying backwards and got stuck in a mountain, so that kinda crashed my game so- wait... is that CHAD!?!?!?!?!?!?

Sure enough, the one and only glorious CHAD and a group of his friends are in line at the show! I go up to them.

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MIKE

CHAD!

CHAD

Mike, maaan, what's up? I didn't know you were coming out tonight!

MIKE

I didn't know YOU were coming out!

CHAD

Yeah, man, this is Animals as Leaders AND Between the Buried and Me. I would kill to see either of these guys. But BOTH? My heart skipped a beat when I saw this.

MIKE

I just heard about it a couple nights ago actually.

CHAD

Right on. Have you seen either of these bands before?

MIKE

No. Have you?

CHAD

This is my 3rd time seeing Animals, 5th time seeing BTBAM. And trust me... you're in for a treat.

He gives me the eyebrow raise thingy. I look over and MEL is giving me the same eyebrow raise thingy

SCENE 7- INT. ST. ANDREWS HALL, 11/10/2011, 10PM

Animals as Leaders is rockin' some CAF0! There's a big ol' mosh pit and CHAD and I are right in the middle! I get pushed hard to the outer ring, and my hat goes flying off. I panic for a second, then sure enough, CHAD comes over and gets it back to me. I give him a big ol' hug, then step out to catch my breath. MELISSA poofs in.

MELISSA

(talking to match volume)

GOOD THING CHAD WAS RIGHT THERE ON TOP OF YOUR HAT! EVEN BETTER THING THAT I SNUCK IT TO HIM!

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MIKE
YOU'RE THE BEST, BABE!

I lift her up and give her a big ol' smooch.

MELISSA
HAVING FUN?

MIKE
HELL YES! THIS IS SUCH A BLAST!
THANK YOU FOR CONVINCING ME TO COME
HERE!

MELISSA
NO PROBLEM! AND HEY, IF YOU THINK
IT'S GOOD NOW...

She launches me up into stage diving mode! How she does it don't ask. Either way before I know it I'm being carried up and over the crowd, then dropped on the other side of that barrier where there's usually security people! As I stand there, not sure what to do, TOSIN ABASI and JAVIER REYES are looking at me! And SMILING!!! I'm overwhelmed with joy and I become a the ultimate hype guy, clapping and pointing at this and that... and finally a security guy comes up and drags me away.

MIKE
Well, I guess this is the part
where I get thrown out. Oh well, it
was worth it-

MELISSA
Are you kidding? This show ain't
over yet!!!

The security guy pushes me back into the pit as the big
breakdown hits!!! WHAT AN AWESOME SHOW!!!

Quick transition to...

SCENE 8- INT. LIVE BAR, 11/11/2011, 10PM

I'm in the back of the intimate LIVE bar, where a troupe of drag kings are lip syncing to "Old Fashioned Lover Boy" by Queen in front of a much smaller but still wily audience of mostly middle-age lesbians. Quite a different show, right???
MEL poofs in.

MELISSA
See? Didn't I tell you this'd be
fun?

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MIKE

Well it is quite entertaining, I'll say that much. And hey, if I don't get anything else out of it, I do have free drinks for the night!

I grab a pitcher of beer from a nearby table and start chuggin' it down.

MELISSA

No drinking on the job, mister!
Just kidding, I don't care.

The scene ends, and the troupe goes into the crowd and a dance party begins in earnest!

MELISSA

Ooh, a dance party! Mike, you should totally get in on this.

MIKE

Nah, I've got a long night ahead of me uploading and editing this footage. But you go ahead.

MELISSA

I WILL!

She goes in and busts a move. I start to pack up my camera equipment and finish my beer. A GUY in a pink shirt approaches me.

GUY

Hey... you were at Animals as Leaders, right?

MIKE

Why yes, I was.

GUY

Yeah, I recognized the hat. You were "the guy"!

MIKE

Aw shucks, I was just a guy.

GUY

Naw man, you raised the show to a new level. You got some real balls to do the stuff you were doing.

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MIKE
(looking over at MEL)
Yeah, well... I was just inspired
to commit chaos, I guess.

GUY
So, do you go to shows a lot?
What's the next one you're going
to?

MIKE
Funny you should mention...

MELISSA
TRANSITION TIME!!!

MIKE
Sure, why not?

SCENE 9- INT. THE FILLMORE THEATER, 11/16/2011, 11PM

I'm in the pit again, this time rockin' out to some
MASTODON! MELISSA comes in out of the crowd and jumps up on
my back.

MELISSA
WOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!!! IS THIS THE
BEST SHOW EVER OR WHAT???

MIKE
IT'S PRETTY FUCKIN' AWESOME, NOT
GONNA LIE!!!

MELISSA
JUST PRETTY FUCKIN' AWESOME? NOT
THE BEST THING EVER???

The music drops out and it gets all dramatic all the sudden.

MIKE
Well, they've barely played any
songs off of my favorite album. And
I still can't get over the show I
missed and what it could have
been...

Does the fake cutaway thing again, but once again MEL
interjects.

MELISSA
WELL AT LEAST YOU FINALLY GOT TO
SEE 'EM, EH?

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MIKE
DON'T GET ME WRONG, I'M HAVING A
BLAST! THANKS FOR LETTING ME KNOW
ABOUT THIS SHOW TOO, BABE!

MELISSA
YOU'RE WELCOME TOO, SWEETIE!

Smooch.

MELISSA
AND HERE'S THE BEST PART... YOU
DIDN'T TAKE THE SHROOMS LIKE ROY,
CHAD, AND JEFF DID!

I glance back at JEFF, CHAD, and ROY, who are all staring on from the back of the crowd in sheer, paralyzed, drug-induced horror. A quick glimpse of their perspective reveals a vision of HELL, with the the band taking the form of terrifying demons. YIKES!!!

SCENE 10- INT. MIKE'S LIVING ROOM, 11/21/2011, 9PM

I'm diligently tippety-typing away on a paper as "Harold and Kumar go to White Castle" plays in the background. MEL walks in, dumbfounded by my apparent joy in writing a paper.

MELISSA
Whacha writing? New episode of Mike
and Melissa???

MIKE
Nope, term paper.

MELISSA
A term paper???

MIKE
A term paper!!!

MELISSA
I don't understand though. You seem
to be ENJOYING yourself.

MIKE
I am! That's because my paper's not
about some stupid old Soviet movie
that makes me want to hate
everything. THIS one's about
"Harold and Kumar Go to White
Castle"!

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MELISSA

Choice! What's it about? The importance of White Castle in Western society?

MIKE

No, but I do plan on bringing that up towards the end. This movie, despite it's ludicrous premise, is actually rich in commentary about racial tropes in the current socioeconomic system. So that's pretty dope I think.

MELISSA

I think so too! And it's so nice to actually see you enjoying school for once.

MIKE

Yeah it's... kinda weird. I'm not sure what's come over me. Maybe that whole Squarple effect is finally starting to sink in.

MELISSA

Maybe it is! And hey, this may be speaking a little too soon, but... have you noticed that a certain team has gone undefeated since I finally convinced you to buy into Squarple?

MIKE

Coincidence, I'm sure. Besides, we're probably going to lose to you-know-who on Saturday. We have the last SEVEN YEARS after all.

MELISSA

That may be, but... none of those were SQUARPLE years! I mean... I dunno, I just got a good feeling.

MIKE

Are you gonna play that one?

MELISSA

Is the Spineless Warvel spineless?

I look at her like "what"?

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MELISSA
Yes, it is.

SCENE 11- INT. MICHIGAN STADIUM, 11/26/2011, 3PM

It's the big game! There's electricity in the air as Michigan leads 40-34. BRAXTON MILLER of OSUck uncorks one to a wide-open receiver. MELISSA notices this.

MELISSA
Uh-oh.

She sprints down the sideline and exhales a big ol' puff that sends the ball falling harmlessly to the turf 5 yards in front of the receiver. She poofs over to me in the stands, where I'm sweatin' it out.

MELISSA
Phew that was close.

MIKE
TOO close! What's it gonna take to seal this game off?

MELISSA
I got a good feeling about this next play. All I need from you is to cheer your loudest and trust in Squarple!

MIKE
That's it? No weird sexual favors or anything?

MELISSA
Well... I'd certainly appreciate it.

She grins and flicks my nose as she poofs out to the field.

MIKE
I shouldn'ta said that... oh well.

I cheer loud and everyone else does as MILLER prepares to snap the ball. He throws a pass into traffic, and MELISSA sees the turf monster and pushes it into the fray, causing the ball to deflect right into a MICHIGAN PLAYER'S HANDS!!! WE WIN!!! ALL THE STUDENTS RUSH THE FIELD, INCLUDING ME!!! I grab MELISSA and smooch her like it's nobody's business. Cuz it ain't!

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MIKE

Melissa... I love you so much.
Thank you.

MELISSA

It's all for you babe. I love you too. Bet you never thought at the beginning of the month you'd be a part of Michigan HISTORY, did you?

MIKE

I must admit, I did not!

MELISSA

And hey, look who I found!

She motions to VERONICA, in her marching band uniform. I go up to her and give her a big ol' bear hug.

VERONICA

So... this is pretty cool, right?

MIKE

Yeah, pretty cool.

MELISSA

And look what else I found!

She holds up a bizarre, gross, gelatinous mass of flesh.

MIKE

GROSS! Melissa, what is that???

MELISSA

It's a Spineless Warvel! See? I was right! They are spineless!

SCENE 12- INT. MIKE'S APARTMENT BEDROOM, 11/26/2011, 11PM

I'm just chilling with the game recap on in the background, cuddling up to MELISSA, who's still in uniform.

MELISSA

So... was this the best month ever or what?

MIKE

I'm gonna go ahead and say yes, yes it was. I can only hope that next year's Squarple is half this good!

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MELISSA

What're you talking about? This is just November, Squarple's not a real month.

MIKE

!!!... You-

MELISSA

But do you see how a small change in your perspective led to a completely different month for you? Sure, there was some luck involved, but you went out and tried new things and kept a positive outlook and everything fell into place. If you keep doing that you'll be happy the rest of your life, regardless of whether you (or I) give that timeframe a silly name. Do you think you'd have the same kind of month if you had sat inside and played video games all day?

MIKE

Oh that reminds me, I should go finish that dungeon.

I get up, but MEL grabs me.

MELISSA

No sir! Not until the point I've made sinks in.

MIKE

Melissa, I get it. I think. Keep a positive outlook and good things happen... sometimes, like they did this month. What about when they don't?

MELISSA

Well, then, keep the memories from this month in mind and remember that any month, year, or whatever has the chance to be your next Squarple.

MIKE

Works for me. Any idea when my next Squarple is gonna be?

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MELISSA

Well, THIS Squarple isn't up quite yet...

She pulls me in and we start all the smoochy stuff. I stop for a second.

MIKE

I just remembered... I never did get to tell the story of that Mastodon concert I missed...

It does the fake flashback thing one more time for good measure.

MELISSA

And I just remembered... remember earlier when we talked about sexual favors?

MIKE

Uh...

She poofs me into a giant DEMON ELK.

DEMON MIKE

WHAT??? MELISSA I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW YOU WERE INTO THIS KIND OF THING!!!

MELISSA

Ha, I'm not really. I just like messin' with ya!

DEMON MIKE

Oh yeah? Is that what gets you off? Messin' with me?

MELISSA

...Yeah, kinda.

Awkward pause. I start glitching out and I re-materialize half sticking out of a wall.

MIKE AND MELISSA

AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAHHHH!!!!!!!!!!

OUTRO SEQUENCE!!!

Squarple is way better than November. I move to rename it!
Let's start a petition.